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Report of the Paris Group on Labour and Compensation

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with a request of the Statistical Commission at its thirty-second session,** the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit the report of the Paris Group on Labour and Compensation. The Commission may wish to comment on the work undertaken by the Group and offer advice on the direction for its future work.

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Paris Group on Labour and Compensation

Purpose

To examine, assess and reconcile the various sources of information used to measure labour market conditions and compensation, particularly in the context of the deregulation of labour markets and structural unemployment, and to contribute to improving concepts and their implementation, as well as the construction of new indicators.

Year organized

1997

Participants

Current participants: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Japan, Netherlands, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, International Labour Organization, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Statistical Office of the European Communities.

Meetings

Paris, 27 and 28 November 1997.

London, 6 and 7 July 1998.

Paris, 18 and 19 November 1999.

Örebro, Sweden, 20 and 21 September 2000.

Topics considered

1. Key labour market indicators; labour market dynamics; reconciliation of estimates of employment (and unemployment) from different sources; typologies of patterns of activities.

2. Hours worked: discussions on the various approaches to the measurement of annual working time and the uses of these measures (for national accounts, evaluation of productivity etc.).

3. Compensation: earnings distribution and analysis of employment-related income.

Products

"Statistics on labour market dynamics", paper presented at a meeting of the OECD Working Party on Employment and Unemployment Statistics, April 2001.

Scientific reports of the Paris meeting and the London meeting, both available from the Institut national de la statistique et des études économiques (INSEE) of France and on the Internet (see addresses below).

Internet site animation since January 1999 (INSEE, OECD) at: http://www.insee.fr/en/av_service/colloques/citygroup.htm (/fr/ instead of /en/ for French version).

Planned activities and expected future products

The Group is currently in the process of reorganizing itself; the topics that it will consider in the future have not yet been decided.

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